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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary

Application No.

10/806.872

Applicant(s)	
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SUMMER, STEVEN E.

Examiner

Bao Q. Vu

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 3-22-04.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. The drawings are objected to because non-uniform (handwritten) numbering and labeling of the elements in the drawings. Please use uniform labels. Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.
2. The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the motor drive and the solid-state relay must be shown (claims 21 and 22) or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement-drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

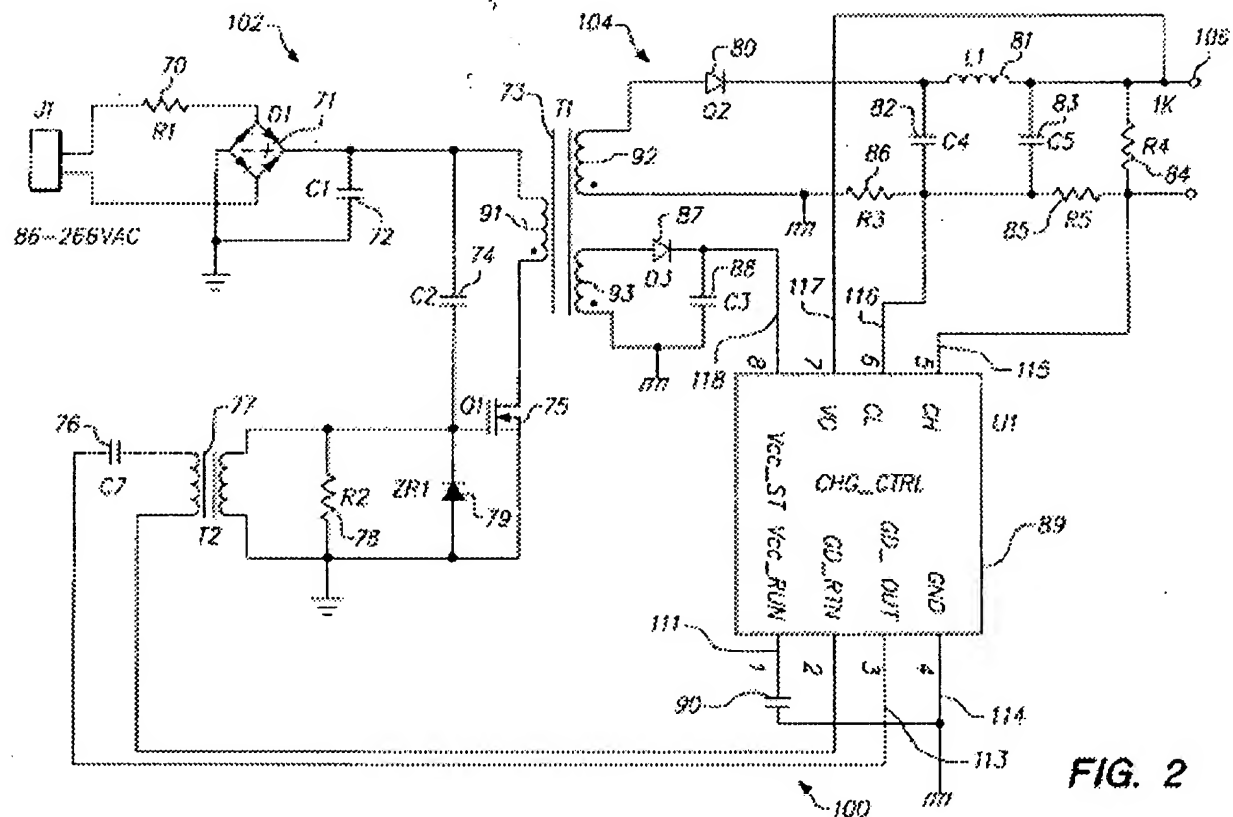
3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-12 and 19-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wong (USP 6,456,511) in view of Shimashita (USP 5,661,642). Wong discloses the

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claimed invention (see figure 3 below), a drive circuit, a drive pulse transformer (T2), a de-coupling capacitor (C1), an output rectification circuit (80), a capacitor (C7) connected between the pulse width modulator and the primary windings, a zener diode (ZR1), a bleeder resistor (R2), a flyback transformer (T1), a rectifier diode (80, 87) except for the isolation circuit that is used to isolate the input line from the output line. Shimashita discloses that it is known in the art to provide the isolation circuit that is used to isolate the input line from the output line. Shimashita discloses an isolation (15) circuit that is used to provide a clean signal for the control of the switching circuit. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to provide the isolation (15) circuit that is used to provide a clean signal for the control of the switching circuit of Shimashita with the drive circuit, a drive pulse transformer (T2), a de-coupling capacitor (C1), an output rectification circuit (80), a capacitor (C7) connected between the pulse width modulator and the primary windings, a zener diode (ZR1), a bleeder resistor (R2), a flyback transformer (T1), a rectifier diode (80, 87) of Wong, in order to provide a signal that is cleaner and has less noise and electrical effects that would tend to contaminate the signal without an isolation circuit.



4. Claims 13-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wong (USP 6,456,511) in view of Shimashita (USP 5,661,642) as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Marziale (USP 6,239,988). Wong and Shimashita disclose the claimed invention (se above paragraph) except for the use of NPN and PNP drive transistors. Marziale discloses that it is known in the art to provide the use of NPN and PNP drive transistors. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to provide the use of NPN and PNP drive transistors of Marziale with the isolation (15) circuit that is used to provide a clean signal for the control of the switching circuit of Shimashita with the drive circuit, a drive pulse

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transformer (T2), a de-coupling capacitor (C1), an output rectification circuit (80), a capacitor (C7) connected between the pulse width modulator and the primary windings, a zener diode (ZR1), a bleeder resistor (R2), a flyback transformer (T1), a rectifier diode (80, 87) of Wong, in order to provide a push-pull type of drive structure in more to make the circuit more responsive to the output circuit conditions.


Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bao Q. Vu whose telephone number is (571) 272-2088.

The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Fridays, 8:00AM- 5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael S. Sherry can be reached on (571) 272-2084. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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